

**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:**

Amend the specification as follows:

Page 12, delete the paragraph spanning lines 11-13 and insert the following therefor:

**Figure 3:** PTX3-induced leukocyte recruitment: 1 µg of [[FTX3]]PTX3 is injected into a subcutaneous pocket induced in the back of CD 1 mice by inoculation of 5 ml of air.

Page 12, delete the paragraph spanning lines 18-20 and insert the following therefor:

**Sequence SEQ. ID. NO 1:** Amino acid sequence of human [[FITX3]]PTX3. The underlined amino acids constitute the peptide signal. Mature hPTX consists of 364 amino acids.